

1759 Indenture: Andrew Blackman, Sr., and Mary, his wife, to William Jeffryes.  
Egg Harbor Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey.  
Recorded: 7 JUN 1834  
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Reference: Gloucester County NJ Deed Book K3, pages 268-269.  
This deed is filed wrong in the Grantee Index as "William Tegphares" under the "T" section.

Information about this indenture:

The following "Bargain and Sale" indenture was made 20 OCT 1759, between Andrew Blackman, Sr., and Mary/Maria Steelman Allen, his wife, to William Jeffryes, a shoemaker. 100 acres for 100 pounds. All parties lived in Egg Harbor Township, Gloucester County, New Jersey. Mary/Maria was the daughter of James Steelman and 1st wife, Susannah Toy. Mary/Maria was previously married to Daniel Allen.

Many things are spelled wrong in this deed. "Jeffryes" was spelled wrong as "Tegphares." Patcong Creek was spelled wrong as "Bad Conke Crick." The land conveyed was located in Egg Harbor Township, by the Patcong Creek and Line Creek, by Andrew Blackman's and Peter Steelman's lands. My best guess is that the land sold was probably in the Steelmanville area of the township, probably close to present day Ocean Heights Avenue and down in "the Neck." Ocean Heights Avenue used to be called "Neck Road." This indenture mentions something about 7 years, but I am unsure of what exactly that means.

One of the witnesses to this deed was Andrew Blackman, Jr., the son of Andrew Blackman, Sr. Andrew Blackman, Jr., married Christiana Steelman. William Jeffryes' son, John W. Jeffryes, married Judith Steelman. Christiana and Judith were sisters, and the daughters of Andrew Steelman and Hannah Ingersoll Steelman Scull, granddaughters of Andrew Steelman and Judith \_\_\_\_, and great-granddaughters of James Steelman and 1st wife, Susannah Toy. The "Peter Steelman" that is mentioned in this indenture was the half-brother of Andrew Blackman, Sr.'s wife, Mary/Maria Steelman Allen Blackman. Peter Steelman was the son of James Steelman and 2nd wife, Katherine Ouster.

Andrew Blackman, Sr., was born in New England, and of the Presbyterian faith, per the Reverend Carl Magnus Wrangel's diary from his trip to Egg Harbor Township in 1764.

This indenture was not recorded until 7 JUN 1834. The reason this deed was not recorded until 7 JUN 1834, may be due to the death of John Jeffryes, Jr., who was the grandson of William Jeffryes, and son of John W. Jeffryes and Judith Steelman. John Jeffryes, Jr., died shortly before inventory was taken of his estate on 13 MAR 1834. John Jeffryes, Jr., was married to Isabella Smith. He is buried in Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery in Egg Harbor Township, and his headstone is engraved wrong by about 6 months. His headstone is engraved that he died 17 SEP 1834, son of John and Judith Jeffryes.

John W. Jeffryes and wife Judith Steelman are also buried in Zion United Methodist Church Cemetery. They are buried next to each other. John W. Jeffryes' headstone is engraved wrong also, and his birth and death dates are off by about 2 years each, per military documentation which states his exact birth and

death dates. Also, his headstone is engraved as “John Jeffers.” Judith’s headstone was correctly engraved as “Judith Jeffryes.”

Per the 1773 Egg Harbor Township Tax Ratable, William Jeffryes lived in between Andrew Blackman and Peter Steelman, and he owned 50 acres of land in 1773. The last trace of William Jeffryes alive is the 1773 tax list. After that, John W. Jeffryes shows up in the same place, with lands adjacent to Andrew Blackman, per land records and tax lists.

Of note, rumor amongst the old townsfolk who are now deceased was that a “Jeffers” man handmade many of the nails used to build Blackman’s Meeting House in 1764, and that Jeffers man was probably William Jeffryes.

I have performed an extensive search and William Jeffryes does not connect to any other Jeff— families anywhere else in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or Rhode Island. The other families can all be traced out in land, probate, and bible records. It is not known how William Jeffryes ended up in Egg Harbor Township, but I have often wondered if he came to Egg Harbor Township directly from Scotland or England as an indentured servant to Andrew Blackman, Sr., because Andrew owned many acres of land and was probably one of the more “well-off” men of the area, and he did have servants.

#### Deed Transcription:

*This Indenture Maid the Twentieth day of October in the Year of Our Lord 1759 Between Andrew Blacman of Grate Eggharbour in the County of Gloucester and Province of West New Jersey Yeoman of the One part And William Tegphares of Grate Eggharbour bour in the County afore sd ye province Shoemaker of the other part Witnesseth that the said Andrew Blacman in ye consideration of the sum of 100 Pounds Proclamation money to him in hand Paid by the said William Tepharess at or before the Ensealing of these presents y deliverre the Receipt Whare of ye said Andrew Blacman Doth hereby own and acknowledge and there of and of Every Part and percel thereof Doth hereby acquit Release and Discharg the said William Tepharess his heirs Exers admrs and Every of than for Ever by these Presants Hath granted Bargainedsold alinateed encoffed Released Conveyed and Confirmed and Doth by these presents fully Clarely and absolutely Grant Bargain sell alienate Enfcoff Release Convey and Confirm untothesd Williamm Tephares his Hares and assigns for Ever All that certain Tract of Land and Meadour Situated Lying and Being in the township of Grate Eggharbour and County of Gloucester and Province aforesd Lying and being on the Crick Called Bad Conke Crick on the Northwest side of the same Beginning at a Mouth of a Crick know known by the name of the line Crick between Peter Steelman and Andrew Blacman form thence Northeastardly binding bad Conke Crick 2 chain to a stake then north 52 degrees east 8 chain to a pine tree standing on a Pint of Land Marked on fore sides for a corner then north 14 degrees west crossing a Cove of Medar to a Pine Tree marked on fore sids for a corner 7 chain thence north 32 degrees west 77 degrees chain by a Line of marked trees to 3 small Balck Oaks upon one grub marked on fore sids for a Corner from thence south 58 degrees west 13 chain to a large white oak tree Marked on fore sids for a Corner then south near 32 degrees east to a corner black oake of Peter Steelmans from thence bounding down the same Throo the Woodland and cleared land the several Corse is to the Line Crick from thence the several corses to the Place of beginning at the Mouth of the same Containing 100 acres with usul allowance for highways be the same more or less Together with all and*

*Singaller the Rits and Members Privaledgs Improvements Heredityments and appurtenances then unto belonging with the Reversions and Remainders and Remainders Rents Issues and profits thereof To Have and to Hold the said Hereby Granted premases With ther appurtenances unto the said William Tephares his Heirs Executors administrators and Assigns to the only Proper use and behoffe of the said William Tephares his Heirs Executors administrators and assigns forEver in as large and ample a maner as the aforesaid Andrew Blacman Ever Injoyed the same and the said Andrew Blacman and Marah his wife themselves their Heirs Executors administrators or assigns shall Warrant and Defend against all persons whatsoever Lawfully Clameing or Pertending to Clame and Part or percell of the within 100 acres of Land further the said Andrew Blacman Marah his wife for themselves and their Heirs and there all Persons Clameing under them or them Shall and will from time to time and at any time Heeare after Dureing the Space of Seven Years Next Ensuing the Date hereof at the Proper Cost and Charges in the Law of Him the said William Tephares his Heirs or assigns make do suffer Execute and acknowledge or Cause to procure to be maid done Suffered Executed and acknowledged for the Better and more perfect assuring Sure Makeing Conveying and confirming Ye said granted and Bargained 100 acres of Land with the usual allowance for Highways. In Witness whareof ye said Andrew Blackman and Mary his wife above Named in these Presents hath here unto this present Indenture of Bargain and Sale set their Hands and Seal the Day and Year first above written.*

*Signed: Andrew Blackman*

*Signed: "The Mark M" of Mary Blackman*

*Signed Sealed and Delivered In the Presents of Us:*

*Signed: Samuell Garitson*

*Signed: Susannah hainey "her mark X"*

*Signed: John Coser "his mark X"*

*Signed: Andrew Blackman Juner*

*Recd this Twentieth of October 1759 of William Tephares 100 Pounds in full of the Consideration within mentioned Andrew Blackman*

*Witness my hand:*

*Signed: Samuell Garitson.*

*Signed: Andrew Blackman Juner.*

*Recorded: June 7th 1834. Smallwood Clk.*